



2003 Annual Meeting & Conference
May 28-30
University of Maine
Orono, ME



MESSAGE FROM CO-CHAIRS

As the application season winds down, and the earth begins to thaw, we hope you are all setting your minds forward to our Annual Meeting in May. This year's conference will have an earthy theme, hosted by the University of Maine, Orono. We are focusing on "The Maine Idea" and trying to get back to the basics of our profession.

In our busy lives we often forget to reflect about just why it is we started in this business of college admission. We invite you to take a few days to remember why it was that you entered this rewarding profession, to connect with old friends and colleagues, and catch up on what has been going on in the field this year.

We are excited to announce the beginning of a new conference tradition, The Counselor Fair, where colleagues will have the opportunity to talk about what enrollment trends look like, and what students are actually looking for in an ideal college. Set up in a traditional college fair format, there will be no students present, so professionals will really be able to discuss what is on their minds regarding the college application process.

As usual, we will have a full agenda of powerful sessions designed to keep you up-to-date, including a town meeting with NACAC Executive Director, Joyce Smith. The state caucuses will be in place to discuss concerns and ideas for individual states. Dr. Russell Quaglia from the Global Institute for Student Aspirations at Endicott College will be our keynote speaker this year. Russ will talk to us about how to inspire today's youth with our guidance and encouragement. He will re-charge our batteries and help us to remember our own goals and dreams.

Finally, do not forget all of the fun with recreation opportunities such as volleyball, road race, and the U Maine Climbing Wall. You will have a chance to relax with colleagues at a variety of social and entertainment choices.

Look for your registration information in the mail shortly, or fill out the registration form included in this newsletter. We look forward to welcoming you to Maine, and to helping you get back to basics, remembering "The Maine Idea."

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HATS OFF!!!

to Sherri Geller for organizing the wonderful workshop for over 215 guidance counselors held at Brandeis University in February. Great Job and Thanks!

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Individual committee chairs are busy working on behalf of members to make our association the best professional exchange it can be. A complete listing of committee chairs and their contact information can be found online at www.neacac.org.

HONORING OUR RETIRING COLLEAGUES AT THE 2003 ANNUAL MEETING

NEACAC would like to recognize any retiring secondary or college admission counselors at the Annual Meeting in May. The only criterion is service to our constituents by college counseling; membership in NEACAC is not necessary. If you know someone who should be honored in this manner, please submit his/her name (you may submit more than one name). The name of the honoree will be listed in the conference program.

Please use this opportunity to recognize an individual who will be retiring from the profession at the end of the year.

Name of Retiree _____ Position _____

Institution _____ City _____ State _____

Please add any comments, which would personalize this recognition:

Mail or Fax this form to:

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 Associate Director of Admission
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Every year NEACAC provides a wide variety of professional education opportunities for all facets of our membership. In addition to

the workshops at the Annual Meeting and the excellent training given new counselors and admission staff at the Summer Institute, the Professional Education Committee, chaired by Sherri Geller from Brandeis University, works independently and with other committees to develop ways to support the professional growth of our members. However, not everyone is able to take advantage of these opportunities. Counselors in urban and rural areas often are not able to leave their buildings to take part in the workshops that we offer. Many other counselors in these settings are not able to afford either the time or the money to be NEACAC members and know little about us. This is a loss for us, for them, and for the students they serve.

In an effort to reach out to these dedicated counselors and give them the up to date information they need to help their students, the NEACAC Professional Education Committee applied for and received a NACAC Presidents' Council Grant to try to reach this population. A sub-committee worked together to develop workshop modules on various topics having to do with the transition to college. The completed modules include a unit on technology, a workshop on reaching all students, another on colleges' information needs, and a workshop on using students as aides in the college counseling process. The modules, alone or in combination, can take from two hours to a full day. They include a script and handouts; each is a kind of "workshop in a box". It is hoped that more modules will be developed, and

that NEACAC members will volunteer to offer some of these workshops for counselors in their area. Of course individual presenters will add their own knowledge and their favorite handouts to personalize and augment the modules. In this way the modules will grow and become more and more useful. Colleges may find these modules to be a good way to reach out to high schools in their area.

We have planned two after-school workshops for counselors in Boston organized by Jeannine Lalonde of Olin College of Engineering. Northeastern University and Suffolk University have volunteered to host the workshops and provide refreshments and parking. The first workshop was held on February 25. Attendance was low, probably because the session was held after school, though more counselors have signed up for the second session.

This project has the potential to make a difference in the lives of young people. It reaches out to counselors who are on the front lines in helping disadvantaged and first generation students make it to college. The question is, how do we make these workshops happen? How do we help counselors find the time to attend? How can we sell this idea to principals and superintendents? Should the workshops be offered in house, or should the counselors be invited to a college campus? We need your help to begin to answer these questions. We are looking to you for suggestions and support. If you have ideas or contacts or you would like to look at the modules and possibly run a workshop for counselors in your area, please contact me at lshapiro@post.harvard.edu or call me at (617) 969-2027. I look forward to hearing from you.

Linda Shapiro
President

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL GRANTS

Last year the NACAC Presidents' Council awarded over \$20,000 to high school counselors, two and four year college admission professionals and others who work with students in the transition from high school to post-secondary education. These funds have provided a variety of professional development opportunities including NACAC membership, regional and national conference attendance and other state/regional ACAC special projects. Most recently, NEACAC received funding for "Workshop in a Box" developed by Linda Shapiro. Many NEACAC members may be eligible for one of these awards, but they must apply. Grants are awarded twice per year and must be reviewed by the NEACAC president before submission to NACAC. The next deadline is June 15, 2003. Applications and information are available from the NEACAC or NACAC websites. Please call Kim Johnston (207/581-1570) or email kim_johnston@umit.maine.edu with questions.



NEACAC JOINS THE "ALLIANCE FOR HIGH STANDARDS NOT HIGH STAKES"

At its January meeting, NEACAC's Executive Board voted to join the Alliance for High Standards NOT High Stakes - an alliance of over 50 groups opposed to the MCAS graduation requirement in Massachusetts. Members of the Alliance include the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents, the Massachusetts PTA, and the Boston NAACP.

Attendees at the 2001 and 2002 Massachusetts state caucuses, which took place during NEACAC's Annual Conferences, were unanimous in their opposition to making the MCAS a requirement for high school graduation. The members at both caucuses asked NEACAC's Executive Board to take action stating the members' opposition to the MCAS graduation requirement to legislators and regulators. Joining the Alliance is a way of extending our message about this high stakes test.

In June 2002, NEACAC voiced its members' concerns in a letter to Commissioner of Education David Driscoll, and urged the state's Board of Education to withdraw the high-stakes component of its testing policy. The letter also mentioned that NEACAC members had not been included in the dialogue around MCAS, nor had organization members been informed about how regulations would affect Massachusetts students and their matriculation to institutions of higher education. NEACAC asked for the opportunity to discuss its concerns with the Board of Education and to hear from the Board how the regulations it has established would affect college admissions in New England. While we received a response from former Governor Jane Swift, to date, we have received no response from Driscoll or other Board of Education members.

NACAC AND NEACAC SEND JOINT LETTER TO EDUCATION SECRETARY CONCERNING NON-MCAS DIPLOMAS AND "ABILITY-TO-BENEFIT"

A joint letter from NACAC President Sandy Behrend and NEACAC President Linda Shapiro was sent to Secretary of Education Roderick Paige conveying the organizations' concerns about the issue of financial aid eligibility for students who complete high school in Massachusetts, but do not pass the state's high school graduation test (MCAS). The letter stated that "We respectfully request that the Department rule on behalf of the deserving students who meet their local criteria for graduation and are admitted to postsecondary institutions so they can receive federal financial aid."

Currently, Massachusetts Board of Education regulations re-

quire all students to pass the MCAS in order to receive a high school diploma that is certified by the state. However, several school committees throughout Massachusetts have pledged to issue diplomas to students who have not passed the MCAS exam if they have met all other graduation requirements, and many more are considering this policy. In offering such policies, these school committees are claiming the right they have always had to grant diplomas. Although these school committees are in conflict with the Massachusetts Department of Education, the Massachusetts Association of School Committees has affirmed the right of school committees to implement this policy. The issue may ultimately be settled in court, but at the present time, there is no legal decision either affirming or rescinding the right of school committees to issue these diplomas.

Many colleges and universities in New England and elsewhere have indicated they will admit qualified applicants with these non-MCAS diplomas. However, they are concerned about students' eligibility for federal financial aid and seek assurance that these students will be able to receive aid. According to conversations NACAC has had with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education, the statute and regulations that govern federal student assistance do not directly address these students' "ability to benefit" from federal student assistance. Accordingly, the Department has indicated that it is working on guidance to address the issue.

To quote from a December 30, 2002 editorial in the *Lowell Sun* (Massachusetts), "It's not the responsibility of colleges in Massachusetts or other states to alter their admissions procedures to fit the MCAS testing system. Failure to pass MCAS does not necessarily mean that a student is an unfit candidate for college. Scholastic Achievement Tests, high school grades, students' activities and community service are other vehicles that colleges use to select worthy applicants. For Massachusetts educators to attempt to sway colleges here and elsewhere to adopt the MCAS qualifier is unfair to students whose abilities may extend far beyond test taking."

NEACAC members who would like to discuss or work on MCAS-related issues can contact Linda Shapiro (lshapiro@post.harvard.edu), Brad MacGowan (bmacgowan@attbi.com), and/or David Hawkins, NACAC's Director of Public Policy, (dhawkins@nacac.com).

www.neacac.org



REGISTRATION

PLEASE USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH REGISTRANT.

MAY 28-30 UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

_____ LAST NAME		_____ FIRST NAME	
_____ NICKNAME (FOR NAME TAG)		<input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input type="checkbox"/> GUIDANCE <input type="checkbox"/> ADMISSION <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENT COUNSELOR			
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER/EXHIBITOR			
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_____ ADDRESS			
_____ CITY		_____ STATE	
		_____ ZIP	
_____ TELEPHONE (AREA CODE)		_____ FAX (AREA CODE)	
_____ E-MAIL (CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT VIA E-MAIL, IF APPLICABLE)			

REFUND POLICY

Notices of cancellation must be received in writing. Notices postmarked on or before May 14th will result in a full refund. Notices postmarked between May 15-27th will result in a 50% refund. No refunds will be granted after May 27th.

REGISTRATION FEES (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- FULL CONFERENCE **\$160.**
INCLUDES ALL MEALS, SESSIONS, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
- FULL CONFERENCE **\$120.**
WITHOUT HOUSING
- ONE-DAY ATTENDANCE **\$ 75.**
DAY YOU WILL ATTEND: _____

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- My roommate preference is:

_____ NAME	_____ INSTITUTION
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- I am a first-time attendee and I will attend the First-Timers' Session on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.
- I am a member of the Governing Board and/or of the Annual Meeting planning committee.
- I would like handicapped accessible accommodations.
- I will be a presenter at the conference.
- Yes, our college/university will participate in the College Fair on Thursday.
- Lobster bake—please check one: lobster steak vegetarian

NEACAC GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2003

9 A.M. SHOTGUN START

HERMAN GOLF COURSE (NEAR BANGOR)

FOUR-SOME MEMBERS

Please send your name and members of your foursome with your check no later than May 14th, 2003. The Annual NEACAC Golf Tournament registration is separate from conference registration. Please send checks (made out to the University of Maine—Presque Isle) for \$55 per participant (includes golf fees, cart, lunch, and prize) to Mike Sullivan or Brian Manter, University of Presque Isle, 181 Main Street, Presque Isle, ME 04769. For questions, call (207) 768-9532. Directions will be sent upon receipt of golf registration.

PLEASE REGISTER BY MAILING THIS COMPLETED FORM BY MAY 14, 2003.

You should enclose a check or P.O. payable to NEACAC, if possible. If not, payment or P.O. must be made upon arrival at the conference. Please send form and payment or purchase order (payable to NEACAC) by May 14, 2003 to:

Jennifer Dionne
NEACAC Executive Administrator
P.O. Box 306
Newmarket, NH 03857
(603) 659-9897
(603) 659-6737 (fax)
admin@neacac.org

Your conference confirmation will be sent via e-mail upon receipt of this registration form. Registrations postmarked after May 14 are subject to an additional \$10 processing fee. Please contact Jennifer Dionne (admin@neacac.org) with any questions about registration, confirmation, or programming.

2003 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE

MAY 28-30, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, ORONO, ME

The Annual Meeting and Conference is the primary professional development event offered by our regional association. All guidance and college admission counselors are encouraged to attend! The conference provides an opportunity to discuss the key issues facing our profession and connect with colleagues – both old and new. It is also the setting for the Annual NEACAC Membership Meeting.

The University of Maine provides a wonderful location for this year's conference. With the many surrounding trails and the beautiful Stillwater River, the campus is an ideal fit for the theme of "Getting Back to Basics" in our profession. Yet, while it is a peaceful environment, the campus is a bustling center of activity. Come see for yourself! And don't forget the Lobster Bake scheduled for Thursday evening, a special highlight of this year's conference.

Registration

Look for registration information in the mail this spring, online, or use the form included with this newsletter. Registration fees are as follows:

- \$160 Full Conference with Housing
- \$120 Full Conference without Housing
- \$75 One Day Attendance

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) - for Guidance Counselors. Can be earned free of additional charge by attending the 2003 NEACAC Annual Meeting & Conference.

First Annual Counselor Fair – Thursday, May 29th, 10:30-11:45 a.m. Spend some time learning the latest facts and figures about the colleges your students are interested in. Find out what issues are facing high school guidance offices to improve communication with your guidance colleagues. The first NEACAC Counselor fair will allow communication between college admission and secondary school counselors in a college fair format. We ask that colleges pre-register for the event by checking the appropriate box on the registration form, and that they bring their school display banner. For further information, contact Jayson Hodge, University of Connecticut, at 860-486-1473 or jayson.hodge@uconn.edu.

NACAC Representative – We are extremely pleased that Joyce Smith, NACAC Executive Director, is planning to attend the conference to represent our national association, share her wealth of knowledge and experience, and respond to members' questions and concerns. Pose your questions and learn more about key issues at the Town Meeting with Joyce Smith on Thursday evening.

Keynote Speaker – We are thrilled to welcome our dynamic keynote speaker, Russell Quaglia, Executive Director of the Global Institute for Student Aspirations. NBC-TV Today Show has described Dr. Quaglia as America's foremost authority on development and achievement of student aspirations. His opinions and comments on aspirations and controversial educational topics have been sought after and published in national media such as the Washington Post, Boston Globe, New York Times, USA Today, Chronicle of Higher Education, and Education Week. He has been awarded honorary doctorates in Humanitarian Services for his work with students around the world.

Human Relations Committee Community Service Project - The Community Service Project (CSP) for the NEACAC 2003 Annual Meeting will be held to benefit the Shaw House, located in Bangor, Maine. This is a United Way-affiliated shelter and service center dedicated to helping local homeless and displaced youths. Established in 1991, the Shaw House has three main functions; Emergency Shelter Program, Shaw House Day Program, and Shaw Care. The Emergency Shelter Program provides shelter, hot showers, food, clothing, supervision and support to homeless, runaway or street children. The Shaw House Day Program provides counseling and teaches skills with the goal of becoming self-sufficient. Shaw Care delivers medical and nutritional assistance to young adults and children.

During the conference, the Human Relations Committee will be collecting donations near the registration area. The Shaw House desperately needs personal care products (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, shaving cream, disposable razors), medical supplies (band-aids, cold medicines, cough drops, feminine products), or gift certificates to local establishments (Borders, Bangor Mall, McDonald's, TJ Maxx). As always, monetary donations will be collected as well.

Conference Sessions – Workshop sessions will address key issues in our field from diversity to articulation agreements for transfer students. Come prepared to learn more about these important topics and share your insights as well.

Closing Ceremony Raffle – In support of the community service project, the NEACAC Executive Committee is raffling off one registration and roundtrip airfare to the 2003 NACAC convention in Long Beach, CA. Buy your raffle ticket at registration and at the door of the closing ceremony. We are also requesting additional raffle items to be donated by colleges, vendors or sponsors. Please contact Tammy Light at tlight@maine.edu for more information.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help with on-site conference registration and recreation events. If you are willing to serve, please contact Doug Bennett, Welcoming Co-Chair at dbennett@mail.fairfield.edu or (203) 254-4100 ext. 2944 or Vince Kloskowski, Recreation Chair, at vkloskow@sjcme.edu or 207-893-7748

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

We won! Because NEACAC posted the largest gain in membership in 2002, we were awarded two prizes at NACAC's 58th National Conference held in Salt Lake City last September. These two prizes, round-trip airfare to the 2003 National Conference (to be held in Long Beach, CA), and one free National Conference Registration fee will be raffled off during the NEACAC 2003 Annual Meeting and Conference.

Tickets for the raffle will be sold at the Annual Meeting and through the mail beforehand, if you are unable to attend. The drawing will be held at the closing session of the Annual Meeting on Friday, May 30, 2003.

The winner does not need to be present to win.

The proceeds from the raffle will go to the Shaw House, this year's Human Relations Committee Community Service Project (for more information on the Shaw House, please see the additional information in the newsletter).

To purchase tickets before May 22nd, please send the form below and a check payable to NEACAC to:

Raffle
c/o Steve McGrath
PO Box 600
Sunapee NH 03782

Ticket Prices: 1 for \$5.00 3 for \$10.00 7 for \$20.00

NEACAC RAFFLE TICKET PURCHASE FORM

Name: _____ Institute: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

I wish to purchase _____ tickets for entry into the raffle for free airfare and registration to NACAC's 59th National Conference.

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____ made payable to NEACAC. Please note that all checks must be received by May 22, 2003.

SUMMER COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Summer College Experience, a joint initiative between NEACAC and The Educational Talent Search Program at University of New Hampshire will be held in Durham and in Boston on June 25-26th. This exciting new initiative grew from an idea developed at the Governing Board's Leadership Development Institute this summer in Durham. Since Trio programs work with low income, first generation potential college students, and are in a position to provide continuing follow up and support, board members thought that a new model might be developed as an alternative to NACAC's Camp College which is no longer funded. The vision is to provide a Camp experience in collaboration with an organization which could provide follow up, mentoring and support to enhance the experience. At the same time ETS /UNH was looking for funding for just such a project.

ETS /UNH wrote a grant, and the NEACAC Governing Board voted to support the initiative at its November meeting. If successful the Governing Board hopes that other states might write grants and that this model will encourage the restoration of funding for Camp College at NACAC. The focus of the program will be to provide middle school students an experience which will foster early awareness about the college process, and about the limitless opportunities that a college education can provide. The program will be conducted at UNH on the first day, an overnight at UNH, and then a trip to Boston to visit campuses in an urban setting, and to experience the city's history and culture.

Would you like to get involved? We are looking for mentors or leaders for the UNH portion of the camp. If you would like to participate you can call Debra McCann, Middle School Program Coordinator at 603-862-3265, or by e-mail dmccan@unh.edu. We will be presenting a workshop at the annual meeting in 2004, and anticipate presenting at the National Conference as well. This is an exciting opportunity to get involved in a new project. We hope you will contribute your time and your ideas.

TUITION/SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS THRU DSS

MA State College Tuition Waiver Program - provides coverage of the cost of tuition for degree and certificate programs to Massachusetts two and four-year state colleges and universities. Eligible students are youth adopted through DSS; youth who came into DSS via a Care & Protection Petition and remained in DSS custody or under DSS sponsored guardianship until their 18th birthday. Youth age 18 and older in DSS care and former foster care youth who meet any of the above criteria also are eligible until their 25th birthday.

- Foster Child Grant Program: This grant program was developed to offer additional assistance with college fees, room, board, and other costs in addition to tuition. It is available to foster children who have a remaining balance after all other forms of financial aid, scholarships, and funding resources have been factored. There is a \$6,000 annual cap for this program, which can be used at any accredited college or university in the United States. Youths who are/were in DSS custody under a Care & Protection Petition and did not return home upon agency discharge are eligible for this program. Adopted youths are not eligible. The Foster Child Grant Program and the State College Tuition Waiver Program are available to youths up to the age of 25 years.

- William Warren Scholarship Program: provides scholarships for educational and vocational programs to any youth under age 25 served by DSS. Scholarships range from \$250 to \$4000. Both current and former clients are eligible. There is no custody limitation.

For more information, contact:
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Director of Adolescent Services
Massachusetts Department of Social Services
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210
(617) 748-2000



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- ✓ Expert insight into current issues in college counseling, admission and financial aid.

LOOK FOR GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN MAY.
SCHOLARSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE.

For general inquiries about the institute contact
Raul Fonts, Co-Chair, at rfonts@providence.edu

NETA CONFERENCE IN APRIL

This year's annual conference of the New England Transfer Association will be held on April 28th - 30th in beautiful Newport, RI at the Marriott Hotel.

We want you to feel encouraged to use the conference as a springboard to your increased involvement within NETA. Log onto our web site at www.ne-transfer.org for registration information and to nominate one of your quality students for the NETA scholarship, or to nominate a deserving colleague for the Distinguished Service Award. Volunteer as a reader of

scholarship applications. Network with colleagues and share your expertise with others in promoting professional and career development. Represent your institution at the Reverse Recruiting session. Above all, enjoy the conference!

Tony Carberry
Central CT State University
NETA President

COUNSELING COURSE

Springfield College will be offering a new course this summer for counselors who want to learn more about college counseling and who want to earn college credit. Counseling the College Bound Student will be a three credit graduate level course geared toward counselors with no or limited experience with college admission counseling. The course will run from Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11 from 8:30 - 4:30 daily. Specific topics include assessments used in selecting a major,

college search resources, completing college applications, the college visit, types of admission decisions, standardized testing, counseling special populations, financial aid, legal and ethical issues and writing letters of recommendation. The class will be limited to 25 students. The course will be taught by Bob Bardwell, Director of Guidance at Monson High School. Inquiries about the course should be directed to him at 413-267-4589, x1107 or bardwellr@monsonschools.com.

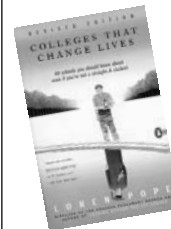
NEACAC SPEAKERS BUREAU

Now that April 1st has come and gone, it is time to start planning for next year's admission cycle! Did you know that dozens of your colleagues are available through the NEACAC Speaker's Bureau to assist you?

As you plan programs and retreats for rising seniors and their families or your staff, please remember the NEACAC Speakers Bureau. Volunteers throughout New England are ready to share their experiences and educate others on a variety of topics including essay writing, college visits and interviews, recommendations, international and multicultural recruitment and retention, professional development and financing a college education just to name a few.

Membership in NEACAC is not required to utilize the Speakers Bureau. If you are interested in finding a speaker in your area, please contact Kate Sheehan Bellaud, NEACAC School and College Relations Chair at 781-239-5077 or by e-mail at bellaud@babson.edu.

Colleges That Change Lives



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MAY
2003

In *Colleges That Change Lives*, author Loren Pope profiles 40 remarkable liberal arts colleges and universities, many of which will be in New England for the Colleges That Change Lives Tour. We invite all interested students, families, and counselors to join us for a panel discussion on the college search process, followed by a college fair. IT COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE.

HARTFORD NEW
Tuesday, May 13
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

MARRIOTT HARTFORD/WINDSOR AIRPORT
28 Day Hill Road
Windsor, CT

BOSTON
Wednesday, May 14
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

THE WESTIN WALTHAM-BOSTON
70 Third Avenue
Waltham, MA

PORTLAND NEW
Thursday, May 15
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

MARRIOTT AT SABLE OAKS
200 Sable Oaks Drive
South Portland, ME

There is no fee charged for these events and pre-registration is not required. Log on to www.ctcl.com for more details.

Colleges That Change Lives by Loren Pope is published by Penguin Books, an imprint of Penguin Putnam, Inc. To order the book please call 1-800-253-6476 or ask your local bookseller.

WHAT'S NEWS

Correction: Michael Rosa moved from intern at Burlington High School to full-time counselor at Nashoba Regional High School.

Burt Batty to Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Curry College (MA) from Dean of Enrollment Services at Kean University (NJ).

Susan Fedoush to Admissions Counselor at Unity College (ME).

John Flanders to Admission Counselor at Curry College (MA).

Jeff Gootman to Assistant Director of Admissions and Operations at University of New Haven (CT) from Assistant Director.

Alisa Gray to Admissions Counselors at Unity College (ME).

Alick Letang to Associate Director of Admission at University of New Haven (CT) from Assistant Director.

Cheryl Martancik Mador to School Counselor at Falmouth High School (MA) from School Counselor at Andover High School (MA).

Mark McFee to Assistant Director of Admissions at Rochester Institute of Technology (NY) from Admissions Counselor.

Rob Miller to Dir. of Institutional Research and Associate Director of Admissions at University of New Haven (CT) from Asst. Director of Admissions and Interim Dir. of Institutional Research.

Melissa Newell to Assistant Director of Admissions at University of New Haven (CT) from Averett University (VA).

Kevin Phillips to Director of Events at University of New Haven (CT) from Asst. Director of Admissions.

Penny Ploski to Guidance Counselor at Masuk High School (CT) from New Canaan High School (CT).

Carrie Rosenbloom to Assistant Director of Admissions at University of New Haven (CT) from University of Rhode Island.

Joe Saltalamachia to Assistant Director of Admissions at Unity College (ME).

Susan Strout to Admissions Counselor at Unity College (ME).

USEFUL LINKS AND FORMS

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) www.fafsa.ed.gov
- College Scholarship Profile form www.collegeboard.com
- Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) www.mefa.org
- Sallie Mae www.salliemac.com
- The Financial Aid Information Page www.finaid.org
- Guidance Counselor information site www.cyberguidance.net
- Scholarship search engines www.fastweb.com and www.salliemac.com

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